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FOLLOWING REPEAT MEXICO 11001 ACTION SECSTATE DATED JUL 01:

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SUBJECT: U.S.-MEXICAN PRE-UNGA BILATERAL: A CONSTRUCTIVE START

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY C. WILLIAM MAYNES (IO) AND AMBASSADOR JAMES LEONARD (DEPUTY REP USUN) HELD A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL MEETING ON JUNE 27 WITH A TEAM OF MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS HEADED BY AMBASSADOR SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ, DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR MEETING WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND CHARACTERIZED BY A STRONGLY POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON THE MEXICAN SIDE. IT PRODUCED A SUBSTANTIVE, FRANK, AND WIDE-RANGING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING MULTILATERAL ISSUES: (1) NORTH-SOUTH DIALOG AND ROLE OF UN; (2) NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER;
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(3) MIDDLE EAST; (4) GUAM AND PUERTO RICO; (5) AFRICAN SITUATION; (6) TREATY OF TLATELOLCO AND OPANAL; (7) NON-USE OF FORCE TREATY; (8) ILLICIT PAYMENTS; (9) HUMANITARIAN LAW CONFERENCE; (10) HUMAN RIGHTS; (11) ILO; AND (12) SALT.

2. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD A DRAFT MEMCON COVERING HIGH-

LIGHTS OF THE MEETING TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES. IT WILL INCORPORATE MEXICAN VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS, FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS AND POSSIBLE INITIATIVES AIMED AT CLOSER COOPERATION. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WHICH INVOLVE SOME KIND OF FOLLOW-ON ACTION BY THE U.S. PARTICIPANTS: (A) AFRICA--DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE EMBASSY, FOR TRANSMISSION TO GOM, APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF U.S. AFRICAN POLICY, PRINCIPALLY RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA; (B) NORTH-SOUTH--U.S. TO CONSULT FURTHER REGARDING POSSIBLE INITIATIVES OF MEXICO OR OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO EXAMINE UN RESTRUCTURING WITHOUT CHARTER REFORM VIA STEERING COMMITTEE; (C) TLATELOLCO--USG TO EXAMINE ROLES OF OPANAL AND OAS INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON NUCLEAR ENERGY (CIEN) (SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW); (D) ILLICIT PAYMENTS--LEGAL ADVISER HANSELL TO CONSULT WITH MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL; (E) HUMAN RIGHTS--U.S. TO CONSULT FURTHER RE MEXICAN INTEREST IN AUSTRALIAN INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL MACHINERY TO MONITOR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, WHICH AUSTRALIANS HOPE MAY PROVIDE MODEL FOR REGIONAL HR COORDINATION; (F) HUMAN-ITARIAN LAW--U.S. TO REVIEW DRAFT RESOLUTION PROVIDED MAYNES.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY OPINION, REINFORCED BY COMMENTS OF PRINCIPALS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES, IS THAT CONSULTATIONS WERE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND POSITIVE FOR SOME TIME.
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GONZALEZ GALVEZ HAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONVEYED TO EMBOFFS HIS STRONGLY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS AND CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE OF DIALOG ON WIDE-RANGING TOPICS COVERED. U.S. PARTICIPANTS WERE IMPRESSED BY COMPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE DISPLAYED BY GONZALEZ GALVEZ, AND THE DEGREE OF FREE DISCUSSION AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS THAT WENT BACK AND FORTH. SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS WERE TREATED IN CONSIDERABLE DEPTH, AND U.S. POSITIONS AND POLICIES CLEARLY OUTLINED IN A MANNER MOST CONDUCTIVE TO PROMOTING MEXICAN UNDERSTANDING AND WHERE POSSIBLE SUPPORT. IN THIS CONTEXT EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT SEPARATE NATIONAL INTERESTS AND PERCEPTION OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WILL NOT AND CANNOT BE EASILY OVERCOME. NEVERTHELESS, TENOR AND RESULTS OF THIS BILATERAL CONSULTATION REPRESENT PROMISING FIRST STEP TOWARD IMPROVING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION ON ISSUES WHERE OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS ARE PERCEIVED TO COINCIDE. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW UP THIS MEETING BY INTENSIFYING CONSULTATIONS WITH MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVES TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH AND ENLARGE POSSIBLE AREAS OF MUTUAL COOPERATION. THOMPSON UNQTE

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